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*Brent Milleville (3-5, 2B, HR, RBI) and Ryan Seawell (3-6, 2B, SB, 2 RBI) combine for six of Stanford's 16 hits

Stanford Snaps Five-Game Pac-10 Losing Streak With 10-6 Win At Arizona

Tucson, Ariz. – Stanford (17-15, 3-7 Pac-10) snapped a five-game Pac-10 losing streak with a 10-6 win over Arizona (15-20, 3-7 Pac-10) in the opener of a three-game series at Kindall Field on Friday. Brent Milleville (3-5, 2B, HR, RBI) and Ryan Seawell (3-6, 2B, SB, 2 RBI) had three hits each as the Cardinal offense racked up 16 total to win its second straight game overall. Greg Reynolds (3-3) earned the victory despite allowing six runs (four earned) on seven hits and two walks with seven strikeouts over the first 6.0 innings. David Stringer picked up his first collegiate save by holding the Wildcats scoreless over the final 3.0 innings, allowing just one hit and one walk while striking out five.

"It was nice for our bats to break out again tonight," said Stanford head coach Mark Marquess. "We've been starting to hit the ball better as a team over the last couple of games."

Michael Taylor (2-4, 2B), John Hester (2-4), Jason Castro (2-5, 2 RBI) and Chris Minaker (2-5, RBI) added two hits each for the Cardinal.

"This is big for us," said Seawell. "We just have to believe that this is going to turn around, and I think it's starting to now. All we can do is keep working hard."

Stanford trailed 6-5 after five innings before scoring five unanswered runs to end the game.

The Cardinal erased the only Arizona lead of the contest with a three-run sixth. Milleville started the rally with a leadoff double and scored on Seawell's RBI double two batters later to tie the game at 6-6. Stanford took the lead for good when pinch-hitter Jim Rapoport singled in Seawell and the Cardinal got its final run of the inning when Chris Lewis brought home Rapoport with a two-out bases loaded infield single on a hot shot off the glove of Arizona third baseman Colt Sedbrook.

Stanford added two insurance runs in the seventh when Milleville led off with a homer, before Seawell restarted the rally with a one-out single and scored on Minaker's two-out RBI double a couple of hitters later.

Stanford got off to a great start in the game by hitting around in a four-run second inning. Taylor and Hester started the rally with back-to-back singles and Taylor came around to score on the next play when losing pitcher Preston Guilmet (6.0 IP, 13 H, 8 R, 7 ER, 1 BB, 5 SO) threw the ball away at first on Chris Lewis' sacrifice bunt. Castro followed with an RBI single before Milleville singled to load the bases. Lewis came home on Cord Phelps' RBI fielders' choice and Seawell's RBI single brought home Castro with the final run of the inning.

Arizona cut the score in half with a pair of unearned runs in the bottom of the second. Jason Donald led off with a single and the Wildcats ended up with runners on second and third after Seawell dropped a line drive hit to him in centerfield by Bill Rhinehart. Donald scored on a wild pitch by Reynolds before Derek Decater's sacrifice fly two batters later plated Rhinehart.

Stanford came back with a run in the top of the third when Taylor led off with a double, Hester walked and Castro singled through the left side two batters later.

A long two-run homer by Brad Glenn cut the Cardinal lead to 5-4 in the bottom of the fourth. Rhinehart, who had singled prior to Glenn, also scored on his team-leading fifth long ball of the season.

The Wildcats took their only lead of the game in the fifth on a dramatic play when Brad Boyer stole home with two outs. T.J. Steele started the rally with the single and moved to second when Boyer walked. Sedbrook's sacrifice bunt moved the runners to second and third before Steele scored on a groundout RBI by David Plante to tie the score before Boyer raced home just ahead of Reynolds' first pitch to Donald for his 13th stolen base of the campaign.

Donald (2-5) was the only Arizona player with more than one hit, while Glenn was lone Wildcat with more than a single RBI with his two-run homer.

Stanford and Arizona continue the series on Saturday (6 pm, MST/PDT) and Sunday (12 pm, MST/PDT). Saturday's scheduled pitching matchup features Stanford LHP Jeremy Bleich (2-2, 2.08) against Arizona LHP Brad Mills (3-3, 4.09). RHP Matt Manship (1-4, 5.31) is slated to start on the hill for Stanford on Sunday against Arizona LHP David Coulon (1-3, 7.00).

NOTES

- Stanford snapped a five-game Pac-10 losing streak, which had been its longest since the Cardinal dropped seven straight conference games from February 25 – March 11, 1989
- Stanford's 16 hits was the team's second-highest total this year as the Cardinal now has 31 hits in its last two games after going the previous five without having a double-digit hit contest
- Stanford came from behind to win for the 11th time in its 17 wins this season
- Stanford needs to win just one of the final two games of the series to snap a four-series losing streak, which is its longest since the Cardinal dropped seven series in a row by losing its final six of 1993 and its first of 1994
- Stanford also needs just one more win in the series to snap Arizona's three-series win streak over the Cardinal
- Mark Marquess picked up the 1241st win of his collegiate career to move within one victory of 13th on the all-time win list for Division I coaches and the spot currently held by Illinois' Richard Jones
- Brent Milleville had a career-high three hits and his first career multiple-hit contest
- Ryan Seawell tied a career-high three hits with his third career three-hit game and now has three straight multiple-hit games and seven hits in his last 14 at bats

- Chris Lewis has hit safely in nine of his last 10 contests
- John Hester has hit safely in seven of his last eight contests
- Brent Milleville's seventh inning homer snapped a string of six consecutive games without a homer for the Cardinal
- Greg Reynolds now leads the team's pitchers with three wins and extended his string of consecutive starts this season of pitching at least 5.1 innings to 11 game in a row (streak is 12 dating back to 2005 season)
- Michael Taylor got his 100th career hit with his third inning double and has also now hit safely in seven of his last eight games and 12 of his last 14
- Jason Castro has eight hits in last 17 at bats
- David Stringer recorded his first career save